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## **FLOYD THOMAS PRATT F.H.C., M.A.G.I...** **WHO AM I AND WHAT HAVE I DONE?**

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Mr. Pratt explains his motivation for his 40-year family history research career. After his membership in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Mr. Pratt began his training in the methods, techniques and procedures of family history research.

This article explains Mr. Pratt's qualifications, experience and the meaning behind the acronyms following his name. Mr. Pratt also generously shares with his readers the purpose for family history research and describes his M.A.G.I. courses and where one can access them freely on the Internet.

Mr. Pratt's generosity has no bounds and thousands of researchers will benefit from his knowledge, experience and generosity. We are deeply grateful for Mr. Pratt's unselfish attitude and his willingness to help advance family history research.

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**"BEHOLD, I WILL SEND YOU ELIJAH THE PROPHET BEFORE THE COMING OF THE GREAT AND DREADFUL DAY OF THE LORD: AND HE SHALL TURN THE HEART OF THE FATHERS TO THE CHILDREN, AND THE HEART OF THE CHILDREN TO THEIR FATHERS, LEST I COME AND SMITE THE EARTH WITH A CURSE. MALACHI 4:5-6**

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I have been researching family histories shortly after I had become a member in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in 1975. Since that time, I have been researching the Pratt and allied families of Crawford, Washington, Dent, Franklin and Saint Louis (city) and Saint Louis (county) and connecting counties of Missouri.

My philosophy has been "in order to find out who the Pratts were, it is necessary to find out who they weren't." This led me to thousands of people in those counties and thousands located in Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee, South Carolina and those eastern locales. I have researched for 40 years and now I am at the end of my journey and have accumulated over 51,000 names in my tree.

In 1992, I decided to publish what I knew at that time about these families in a series of books titled "**Pratt Progenitor Papers**" with distribution in 18 different libraries across the country. I published 10 volumes with over 40 projected and decided with the advent of the computer age, posting these families online at ancestry.com would give more access to the public and reach a wider range of interested people.

However, due to the size of these books, some reaching over 800 pages, ancestry.com has a size limit of the publications they will receive, so I found an alternate website called "Open Library" at [www.openlibrary.org](http://www.openlibrary.org).

### **OPEN LIBRARY**

Open Library is an immense repository of videos, movies, stories, articles and books offered to the public as a middle man to the main repository called Internet Archive at <https://archive.org/>

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Each of these books, articles and stories has been categorized into "Lists". These Lists are an easy way to find books, articles and stories that have been formatted into a particular system. You can access these lists at the following...<http://openlibrary.org/people/floydpratt59/lists>

### **ANCESTRY.COM**

In 2007, I became a member of ancestry.com and have posted my tree in their database.

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What I found was since 1992 to present, there has been an explosion of information available on the Internet that did not exist before. Since 2007, I have been updating my families with the easy access system that ancestry.com affords members and I have almost completed my update.

There are a few rules when reading my work.

- 1.) I have not researched everyone in my family file but have combined someone else's research and therefore it has not been verified by me. Where this happens I try to make a note that states, "Date and place needs verification" or something to that effect.
- 2.) Where the location is listed as...for an example, Bourbon, Boone Township, Crawford County, Missouri, United States, is my handy work and has been researched and verified by me. If you see locations with USA or any other addresses without the United States in its entirety, then this is someone else's work and not mine.
- 3.) In the section called "Life Events" if there are census, birth, marriage, military, deed and other records listed, then this has been verified and documented by me.
- 4.) Check the source and note sections to see if I have included my notes and sources concerning your ancestors. Just because there are no sources or notes, email me [floydpratt59@gmail.com](mailto:floydpratt59@gmail.com) and I will either send you what I have or update my ancestry.com (PPP) tree with all the information I have.
- 5.) I am 67 at this time and not in the best of health...who is? But, as long as I can continue to work on these people I will help those of you I can.
- 6.) Be patient. I only check my email once in a while and if you don't include your email address with your inquiry, then it slows down my response time.

### **MY QUALIFICATIONS**

At present I have written over 300 books, articles and stories about family histories, vital records and biographies as well as being published in a multitude of newspapers.

I have taught Family History Courses at churches, schools and community recreational centers on multiple levels and lectured large audiences on the proper procedures of family history research.

I have served in several multi-state Family History Centers and served on a two-year mission as a Stake Genealogy Missionary.

I have attended several temples in multiple states and served as a registered Temple worker assisting those with their temple requirements.

As a High Priest representative in my Church, I take my responsibilities seriously and I am always available to assist others on a full time basis with their family history problems.

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**WHO AM I AND WHAT HAVE I DONE?**

This I do and have done in respect and love for my brothers and sisters but most of all...for the love I have for my Heavenly Father.

**CONCERNING THE ACRONYMS AFTER MY NAME**

I am often asked what the acronyms mean that follow my name...F.H.C. stands for Family History Consultant.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints offers a course for members who assist others in the Family History Centers across the world.

This course is an extensive learning program designed to teach and instruct people in the resources, techniques, procedures and availability of records that are presently available, and will be available in the Family History Centers.

We, the Family History Consultants, work by appointment and can meet the patrons, either members of our church, or non-members at the Family History Center or at their residences.

This program also teaches them how to use their computers as a research tool.

We instruct them on the proper procedures of research and the preparation of their family names for temple ordinances that can only be performed in our temples.

After completion of this extensive online multi-facet course you are examined during various levels and earn the designation of Family History Consultant.

This assistance we afford to patrons is done without compensation and offered in the spirit of cooperation and love for our brothers and sisters.

When another member of the Church sees that a person is a Family History Consultant, this alerts them to the guarantee they are with someone who has dual knowledge about family history procedures in the secular world and family history procedures necessary to complete temple ordinances for their ancestors.

I was certified as a Family History Consultant for the Bradenton 1<sup>st</sup> Ward in Bradenton, Manatee County, Florida Stake and currently for the Sable Ward of the Aurora, Arapahoe County, Colorado Stake.

**M.A.G.I.**

Concerning the *M.A.G.I.* program, this is also an acronym for *Master Accreditation* of the *Genealogical Institute*.

The *Genealogical Institute* was created in 1992 to teach novice and advanced researchers the proper and proven procedures of researching family histories.



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The *M.A.G.I.* course has multiple courses or lessons that address various subjects such as...how to research, how to read census information, how to read cemetery records, where to find resource records, how to stop researching, how to publish, how to keep good notes, how to interview and other chapters of interest to family history researchers.

This course was a fee-based program designed to test the student through each phase of course lessons, to verify the student's knowledge has been enhanced concerning family history research.

After completion of all course subjects, the student is awarded the *M.A.G.I.* designation. This is not a church affiliated program.

The *M.A.G.I.* designation was conceived through the very concept of the Magi's who brought gifts to the Savior, while he was a baby in the manger. The person with the *M.A.G.I.* designation also brings gifts of souls to the Kingdom of God through vicarious temple ordinances.

### **THE PURPOSE OF FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH**

In fulfillment of Malachi's prophecy in Malachi 4:5,6, as more and more people are identified and verified to belong to a particular family...in the Temple, they are "sealed" to their parents as children and sealed to their spouses for not only time on earth, (if living) but for all eternity. This is the basis for our belief that "families can be together forever".

Therefore, it is essential, that we make sure of their identity before we process the ordinances. This is why my research work is so detailed...I don't want to have to fix preventable research mistakes during the Millennium.

Most ministers, if not all, preachers and rabbis, in other churches only have the authority to marry people on earth "till death do you part." This authority to marry individuals was authorized by their church, their community or their legal entities but none of them claim to be authorized or commissioned by the Lord Jesus Christ to perform such ordinances.

This sealing ordinance can be performed for the living while they are living in this life, and can be performed for those who have moved on. These ordinances seal families for eternity, predicated on their acceptance of the ordinances and obedience to Gospel principles.

Hence the statement by the Savior in Mathew 16:19 as written..."And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

Because of the apostasy and falling away, there was a need for a restoration. Through the restoration of the Plan of Salvation and the Holy Priesthood, these ordinances have been authorized by the Lord Jesus Christ to be performed only by those with authority to seal families and is only performed in the Lord's Holy Temples.

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Each individual has free agency, or free choice, therefore, if one of my relatives does not want to be married for eternity to the spouse they had on earth, this is *their* choice and the Lord complies with their wishes.

However, I and millions of others like me can not make that decision for them or pre-judge them based on judgmental errors they may have made in their earthy lives, we must offer these blessings to ALL without judgment.

I carry no authority to decide if my ancestors should accept or reject these blessings, we perform these ordinances on their behalf...but it is my responsibility to offer these ordinances without prejudice or judgment. If you would like biblical support of what I have told you, then I will be glad to send you the scriptures.

Concerning the *M.A.G.I.* courses, I have posted what has been completed on Open Library under the List... *Genealogical Institute*. These courses are not fee based but offered freely to help others in their research using advanced techniques I have used and proven as effective tools in family history research.

### **MY RESPONSIBILITY**

I use the F.H.C., Family History Consultant designation to alert members that I have been trained and certified by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints as a qualified individual to help them with their family research not only concerning temporal and civil research but also, in spiritual and/or temple procedures to help their families.

The *M.A.G.I.*, designation reminds me of the 40 years I have been researching families and helping people from all over Europe and the United States to locate, preserve and identify their families and by doing so, I magnify my calling for the Savior.

This designation is not worn for pride but to the keep me humble and focused on the goal of assisting others and helping them to be better researchers and build families in my Heavenly Father's Kingdom.

I hope this clarifies your question...probably gave you too much, but I do not take this research lightly or as a hobby, but as a righteous duty that I have covenanted and promised to help build the kingdom of my Heavenly Father. I made this promise not only before I came to this earth, but also during this life and no doubt, you will find me helping families after I leave this mortal existence.

Respectfully,

Bro. *Floyd Thomas Pratt, F.H.C., M.A.G.I.*

# Your Author's Pedigree; Floyd Thomas "Tom" Pratt

4	Columbus Benjamin A Pratt	8	Henry Winslow "Win" Pratt	16	Alexander "Alex" R. Pratt	32	Henry Pratt
	b. 1 December 1893 p. Hamilton Hollow, Johnson Twp, W~m. 12 April 1919 p. Bourbon, Boone Twp, Crawford, Mi~d. 27 July 1947 p. Bourbon, Boone Twp, Crawford, Mi~		b. 6 September 1869 p. near Osage Post Office, Johnson ~m. 29 January 1893 p. Vilander, Liberty Twp, Crawford, Mi~d. 24 March 1914 p. near Crow's Creek, Boone Twp, C~		b. March 1831 d. 1912		b. 1800-1803
2	Floyd Theodore "Ted" Pratt	9	Mary Laura Magdalene Missey	17	Mary Kimberlin	33	Nancy Carter
b. 6 January 1927 p. Bourbon, Boone Twp, Crawford, Missouri, Un~m. 1 March 1947 p. Saint Clair, Central Twp, Franklin, Missouri, U~d. p.	5	10	Judge James Millard Johnson Sr.	18	Francois Columbier C Missé	34	Rhinhardt "Rinard" E. Kimberlin
1	Floyd Thomas "Tom" Pratt	11	Mary Jane Theodosia Barton	19	Cynthia N. Talbot	35	Frances Jane Peters
	b. 3 January 1948 p. City Hospital #1, 1515 Lafayette Avenue, Sain~m. 14 August 1972 p. Tyler Place United Presbyterian Church, 210~d. p. sp. Bonnie Kathleen Bach						
6	Peter Conley Brown	12	John A. Brown	20	Martin Johnson	36	Jean "John" Baptiste Missé
	b. 12 January 1893 p. Sharon, Weakley, Tennessee, Unit~m. 16 March 1924 p. Dyer, Tennessee, United States d. 3 December 1972 p. Halls, Lauderdale, Tennessee, Unit~						
3	Delores "Doe" Virginia Brown	13	Obedience "Bedie" Lackey	21	Comfort Osborn	37	Marie "Mary" Françoise Piquette
b. 31 October 1925 p. City Hospital #1, 1515 Lafayette Avenue, Sain~d. 1 March 1981 p. Queen of Angels Hospital, 2301 Bellevue, Lo~	7	14	James Leonidas "Lee" O'Daniel	22	William "Billy" Barton	38	Benjamin Talbot
15	Daisy Dean Bell	23	Harriet King	24	Brown	39	Laura Farris
	b. 7 September 1881 p. 19th District, Walnut Grove Twp, G~d. 14 May 1920 p. Jackson Crossing, Civil District 11, ~						
25	Hettie M. Jackson	26	William Lackey	27	Lidia	40	Benjamin Johnson
	b. 16 December 1861 d. 19 April 1902						
31	Alexander Jackson	28	Stephen "Steve" C. O'Daniel	30	John Franklin "Frank" Bell	41	Amelia Gaston
	b. 1840						
63	Mariah "Mary" Ledbetter	29	Elizabeth Ellen Gordon	32	John Franklin "Frank" Bell	42	William Osborn
	b. 1840						
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b. 1840	34	44	John Milton Barton	45	Sophia Keitle	46	Rev. Jonathan King
b. 1840	35	45	Sophia Keitle	46	Rev. Jonathan King	47	Mary Holt
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## A Little Something About Your Author.....

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At the age of 19, Tom Pratt embarked on a career in law enforcement. This experience gave him training in detective and investigative skills. Little did Mr. Pratt know, how useful these skills would be in the field of genealogy.

Tom Pratt started his family research career in 1975 after becoming a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. His first calling as a new member was to serve in the newly created genealogical department or known today as the Family History Center in the Springfield, Missouri ward. This two-year calling gave Mr. Pratt a tremendous amount of experience helping others to research their families.

In fact, he felt family research came easy and required little effort on his part. In reality, years of reading and studying increased his expertise and he made it look easy to others.

Over the course of several years, Mr. Pratt was asked by his church to instruct several family history courses. This experience established a deep profound love for family and ancestors.

It was not uncommon for Mr. Pratt to spend 4 to 8 hours a day researching and compiling family histories in addition to his duties, as an entrepreneur in the insurance business.

The first major achievement for Mr. Pratt was a breakthrough on his Pratt family back to the early 1800's. Not satisfied with just the direct line research, Mr. Pratt branched out to research all connected lines and allied families.

This dedication led to 42,000 individuals and achieved expert status for Mr. Pratt on the families of middle and eastern Missouri, eastern and western Tennessee and central North Carolina.

Concerning Mr. Pratt's style of research, he is a strong supporter of the "hands on" approach. When he took family vacations, they usually went to libraries, cemeteries, courthouses, National Archive centers, and visited family members in various states. He attended multi-state family reunions and obtained his material from the actual sources when possible.

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Being a researcher of the highest degree, in 1991, Mr. Pratt formed the Pratt Publications Company and offered to the public, a series of books titled, The Pratt Progenitor Papers. This series of volumes are a collection of legal documents, stories, pictures and historical presentations concerning the families of Missouri, Tennessee and North Carolina.

The first three Volumes were released to the public in 1991 and were issued to 18 different libraries including the Library of Congress and the St. Louis Public Library. The next 7 volumes were published with at total of 43 volumes scheduled for publication.

In 1996, Mr. Pratt formed the Genealogical Institute to further the education of serious researchers.

The Genealogical Institute offers a series of educational materials to teach and instruct the uninitiated in the procedures of family history research. These courses offer "a hands on" curriculum designed to instruct in investigative, deductive reasoning and logical procedures for tracking your family history.

Beginners and experienced researchers have found a treasure chest of knowledge when undertaking these courses. Mr. Pratt has taken the hobby of genealogy and has enhanced it into a science. Heavy on instructions concerning documentation, research procedures, alternative sources and common public records, this course is a valuable tool for the researcher. One of Mr. Pratt's favorite sections of the course is teaching researchers "how to stop" researching and compile their information for publication.

Upon completion of the educational courses from the Genealogical Institute, the graduate is awarded the **Master Accreditation of the Genealogical Institute. (M.A.G.I.)**

This designation is equivalent to a Doctorate Degree and signifies the recipient has been trained and demonstrated superior research techniques.

Mr. Pratt's ability in family history research has amazed many educated researchers. When Mr. Pratt is asked for help concerning their "brick wall" in their family research, his quick wit and logical mind rapid fires instructions and procedures so fast they cannot write the material quickly enough. Little do they realize this knowledge has been acquired over 30 years of experience and research.

In June of 2000, Mr. Pratt undertook a new and unprecedented task.

Outside of Washington, Franklin County, Missouri is an old cemetery called the Johnson-Caldwell Cemetery. This cemetery has many pioneer heroes and ancestors of various descendants from that region. Some of the inhabitants were born in the 1750's and traveled west to Missouri after the 1803 Louisiana Purchase.

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Mr. Pratt took down all the information off the headstones, including every person in the cemetery and researched each individual related or not. 1000 man-hours and two years later, he published the book "Johnson-Caldwell Cemetery of Franklin County, Missouri"© 2001.

Obtaining newspapers, legal documents, personal interviews with ancestors and researching various sources for any and all information concerning the history of the cemetery and the inhabitants produced this master text. What makes this book stand out among the rest is basic content and structure.

First, it is the only book to cover the known and reported inhabitants of an entire cemetery.

Second, this book reports on each inhabitant, their birth and activities throughout their life until their death, including their ancestors, spouses and children.

Third, even the index is unique, listing the individual and their father's name if known. This is extremely helpful when several individuals have the same given name.

Upon examination, professional researchers have hailed this body of work as a masterpiece and a standard in which all future research of cemeteries should be based. In their opinion, no one has ever produced a body of work about a cemetery as unique and professional as this publication.

Currently, Mr. Pratt is working on a series of books from the [Pratt Archive Collections](#), which is a series of biographical publications concerning a progenitor and a generation of descendants. This collection is a "cradle to grave" report, which covers the subject's ancestry, birth, marriage, children, and geographical domiciles as well as the political environment during the subject's lifetime.

In addition, Mr. Pratt is working on additional volumes of the Pratt Progenitor Papers and several books on public records.

With all these accomplishments, Mr. Pratt humbly refers to himself as a Genealogical Anthropologist...resurrecting progenitors.

We in the genealogical world are deeply grateful to be associates of a man of Mr. Pratt's caliber. Through his dedication to helping the novice as well as the professional researcher, future generations will benefit by his advances in the genealogical field.

In addition, we are thankful for the inspiration that sparks men like Mr. Pratt to magnify their love for people and history. We feel, with a lifetime dedicated to the genealogical pursuit of truth and knowledge, Mr. Pratt's accumulative body of work, will stand as a quintessential manifestation of this divine love.

Lewton Cole, Chairman  
**Genealogical Institute**